

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached new drawing sheets add to Figs. 13 and 14.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1, 4 and 6 are amended. Figs. 13 and 14 are added. The amendments introduce no new matter because they are supported by at least the claims as previously filed, or are made to overcome informalities discussed in the Office Action or that Applicants discovered in preparing this response. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 1, requires a statement whether any search of prior art was performed, and whether any references cited in either domestic or foreign applications may be material to patentability.

Applicants are aware of their duty to disclose references material to patentability of the subject matter of the pending claims under Rule 56. Should Applicants become aware of any such references, which Applicants are not aware of at this time, based upon any prior art search that Applicants have undertaken or of which Applicants have been notified from, for example, a foreign Patent Office, these references will be immediately disclosed to the Patent Office for consideration. An Information Disclosure Statement is filed with this response to disclose references cited in Applicants' U.S. Patent Application No. 10/625,700.

The Office Action, in paragraph 2, objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), as the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Applicants add Figs. 13 and 14 to specifically illustrate the subject matter of the pending claims that is asserted by the Office Action not to be shown otherwise. Identification of an extraction unit of claim 1, a size changing unit of claim 2 and steps associated with claims 4-8 are identified within the FIGS. 13 and 14. These figures introduce no new matter. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3, objects to the title. Applicants amend the title to obviate the objection. The Office Action, in paragraph 4, objects to the disclosure for several informalities. Applicants have reviewed the specification and address each of the informalities cited in the Office Action with amendment of the relevant language in the disclosure.

Withdrawal of the objections to the title and specification are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 5, rejects claims 1-3 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,988,244 to Honda et al. (hereinafter "Honda"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Honda teaches generating an index picture, a still picture, representing contents of a moving picture. Sampling of the moving picture can be taken in one of many different modes, vertical, horizontal or other, as outlined in col. 2, lines 3-19, lines 35-39 and lines 56-61. Honda does not teach or suggest the presently claimed subject matter. The static image data of Honda are composite pictures, not individual frames of the video file (col. 4, lines 21-27, col. 8, lines 35-37 and col. 14, lines 9-21). This composite image is provided with a serial number, not a character string, and the serial number is employed in recall of the desired index picture (col. 13, lines 53-59). The only mention of key word retrieval is only relevant to the moving picture file (col. 16, line 18 - col. 17, line 5).

The Office Action alleges an extraction unit to extract a character string contained in static image data is disclosed at col. 7, lines 54-60 of Honda. This assertion is incorrect. The cited passage presents a searching unit 92 for searching a database 91. This database 91 includes title, file name, server name and storing position of a moving picture, not a static image, and certainly not text data contained in the static image file. The Office Action further alleges a size changing unit changed according to predetermined criterion shown by indicator bars 107a and 108a. Bars 107a and 108a are indicative of VD index picture groups of the

retrieved moving pictures. These indicator bars 107a and 108a represent the length of time associated with the moving pictures of the VD index picture groups, col. 8, lines 16-31.

Neither this feature, nor any other feature disclosed in Honda, can reasonably be considered to correspond to a size changing unit as positively recited in claim 2 with all the features as recited in that claim.

Claim 1 recites, among other features, an extraction unit that extracts a character string contained in static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the process. Claim 6 recites a similar feature. There is nothing in Honda that can reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, such a feature.

For at least its failure to teach an extraction unit with all of the features positively recited in independent claims 1 and 6, and for failing to separately teach a size changing unit with all of the features as positively recited in claims 2 or 7, Honda cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features positively recited in claims 1, 2, 6 and 7. Further, claims 3 and 8 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Honda for at least the respective dependence of these claims directly on allowable base claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 6, rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,249,281 to Chen et al. (hereinafter "Chen"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Chen teaches a Graphical User Interface (GUI) containing a video region for displaying a video and a primary slide region for displaying slides (col. 1, lines 39-45 and col. 3, lines 52-60). A linking module coordinates slides to relevant portions of the video (col. 4, lines 17-23). In one embodiment, the slides are pre-selected for the video presentation (col. 4, lines 26-31).

The Office Action alleges keyword retrieval of static images is illustrated in Fig. 8 and embodied in keyword search field 820. Discussion of a searchable database is detailed in col. 5, lines 22-30, where a database of on-demand presentations is stored in server 110 and categorized in an index 810. In one embodiment, users may search for a presentation by entering search terms in a keyword search field 820. Thus, the keyword search is for presentations, not text data contained in static image data.

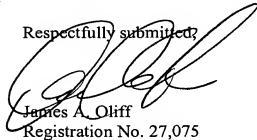
Claim 4 recites, among other features, extracting a character string contained in static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the process; and matching an input keyword with the extracted character string to retrieve relevant static image data. The features discussed above with respect to Chen cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested at least these extracting and matching steps. In other words, Chen does not disclose, or would it have suggested, extraction and matching of text data associated with static image data, and therefore cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combination of all of the features positively recited in independent claim 4. Further, claim 5 is also neither taught, nor would it have been suggested, by Chen for at least the dependent of this claim on an allowable base claim, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that claim 5 recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-8 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachment:
New Drawing Sheets (Figs. 13 and 14)

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